

a composition comprising an effective amount of crape myrtle extract; and

a cosmetically acceptable vehicle,

wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) decreasing skin fragility;
- b) treating and reversing deterioration of collagen and/or elastin;
- c) treating skin atrophy;
- d) promoting/accelerating cell turnover;
- e) improving skin tone;
- f) restoring skin luster; and
- g) minimizing signs of fatigue.

19 17. (Twice amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the composition is applied to the skin at least once daily for a period of time sufficient to treat and/or ameliorate the effects of skin aging.

[Please add the following claims:

3 29. The method of claim 10, wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance is decreasing skin fragility.

4 30. The method of claim 10, wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance is treating and reversing deterioration of collagen and/or elastin.

7 31. The method of claim 10, wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance is promoting/accelerating cell

turnover.

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~~32~~. The method of claim ~~10~~, wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance is improving skin tone.

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~~33~~. The method of claim ~~10~~, wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance is restoring skin luster.

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~~34~~. The method of claim ~~10~~, wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance is minimizing signs of fatigue.

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~~35~~. The method of claim ~~10~~, wherein the composition is applied to the skin at least once daily for a period of time sufficient to treat and/or ameliorate the effects of skin aging.

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~~36~~. The method of claim ~~11~~, wherein the composition is applied for one, two or more weeks.

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~~37~~. The method of claim ~~36~~, wherein the composition is applied for one, two or more weeks.

REMARKS

Claims 10 to 13, and 15 to 21 and 28 are pending.
Claims 29 to 37 have been added.

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